

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 19 September 2001
Name of applicant/court: Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: Teenage Sex 89
Other Known Titles: Teenage Sex #89
Director: Not Applicable
Producer: Not Applicable
Publisher: Color-Climax Corporation
Editor: Richard Hansen
Format: Magazine
Country of Origin: Denmark
Languages: English, German, French, Spanish

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:
Trailers: Running time:
Total running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The magazine entitled *Teenage Sex 89*, also known as *Teenage Sex #89*, is classified as:
Objectionable.

This classification is due to the manner in which the magazine deals with matters of sex, specifically that the magazine tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The magazine contains explicit and titillatory photographs of sexual activity, accompanied by text describing the sexual activity in explicit detail. The female participants are all presented as being teenagers and some are referred to as being college or high-school students. The main purpose of the magazine is the sexual arousal of the reader.

While the females depicted may be adult, some of them have young appearances suggesting they may be young persons and the accompanying text makes repeated reference to the youth of the female participants. There is a strong sustained erotic focus in the text on youthful physical and sexual characteristics. This focus, in combination with the manner the females are depicted, has the effect of associating sexual activity with young persons, presenting youthfulness as a strong element of reader sexual arousal and presenting young persons as sexually desirable. The magazine also gives the impression that female young persons desire sex with adult men and that they are readily sexually available. The magazine gives the implicit message that young persons are legitimate sexual partners for adults and that such activity is mutually beneficial. For these reasons, the magazine meets the test of tending to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes and is therefore deemed to be objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993.

A classification of "objectionable" places a limit on the right to the freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, in relation to this publication, the classification is considered to be a reasonable limit prescribed by law that can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

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